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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$110.00 to cover the one-month extension fee to American Express Account No. 3785-716974-01002 CH and to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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